

ENGLISH 8

Mrs. Justsen

2019 - 2020

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The best way to reach me is via email. If you have questions about assignments or upcoming events, you can also create a post in Google Classroom and students often reply more quickly than I can.

CLASS MATERIALS

Post-it notes

Highlighters

Dry Erase Markers

Novels*

Lined Paper

4 packs
3x5 index cards

Blue/black pens



How many times can I submit late work?

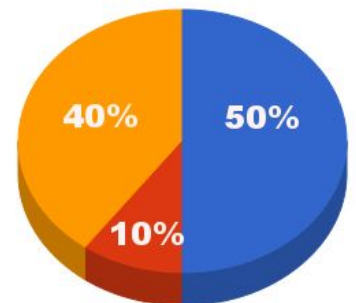


ZERO is also the grade you'll earn if you cheat!

If you are **ABSENT**...

Please check Google Classroom! Lawful absence = extra time to submit work. Let me know what you need!

Grades



50% Assessments and Projects, such as: vocabulary quizzes, novel discussions, essays, text recitations

40% Classwork, including: Independent Reading Time, book interviews, partner and group work, Article of the Week sharings and reflections, group improv/presentations

10% Homework, like: Vocab exercises, annotations, note card CHECKS

Expectations

Respect others

Be kind to our resources

PARTICIPATE in class



Voice your concerns

RESPOND to feedback

Clean up before you go

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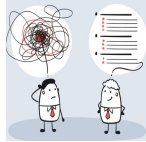
Regular Assignments



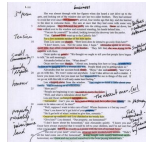
Discussions



AOWs



WRITING,
Outlines



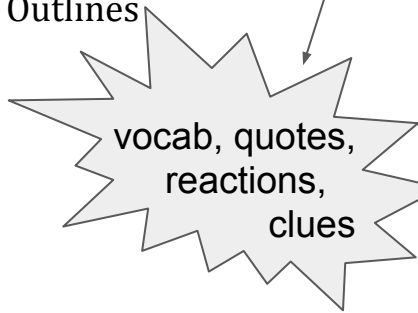
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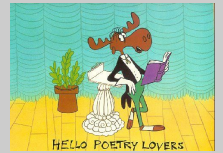
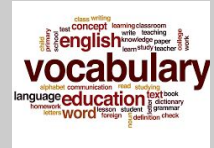
SAT vocab



Debates



EXTRA CREDIT!



GO SOMEWHERE, SEE SOMETHING, SHARE!

SCHEDULE



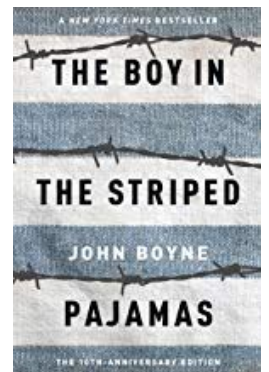
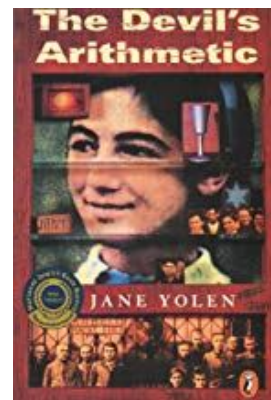
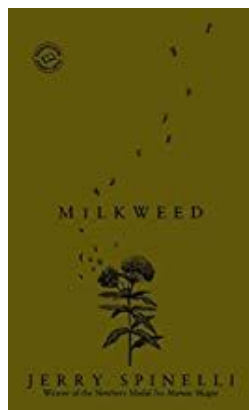
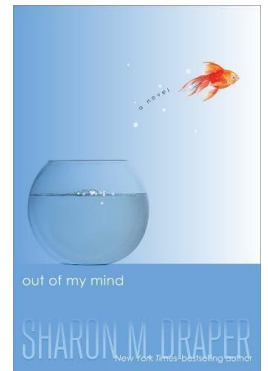
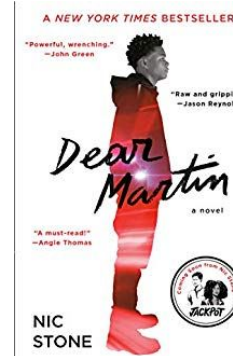
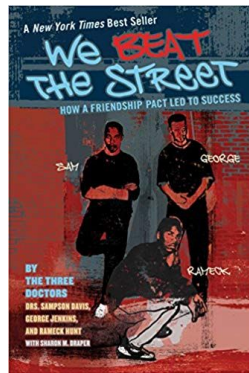
- Warm-Up
- IRT
- Work Period
- Share learning/
REFLECTION
- Homework reminders

Independent Reading Time

+10
PTS



MAJOR TEXTS



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Fun Facts

FAVORITES:

- Color: purple
- Drink: coffee
- Show: Blue Bloods
- Place: beach
- Snack: nuts!
- Team: RAVENS!

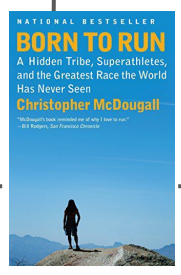
- 2-4 kids
- No allergies?
- From: California
- Dog: Bailey
- I don't like cake!

Educational Philosophy

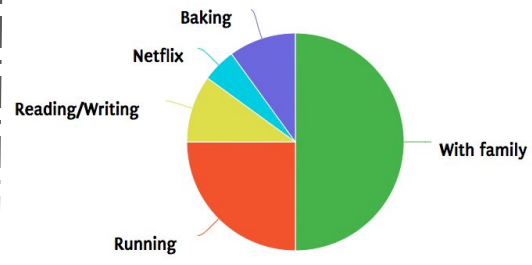
Every student should learn something new every day. Fair is NOT always equal. I am a facilitator, not the center or "hero" of the classroom. My role is to help you **learn how to learn** and assist while you investigate and explore big ideas and develop skills you'll use in your future. As a teacher, I owe it to you to be organized and prepared, to know my content, and to show you where you can find answers to your questions. I may not have the answers to all of your questions, but if you're curious then I'm excited to help you figure it out! My goal for you is that you discover and develop your talents, improve on your weaknesses, and **MAKE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS** in reading, writing, and communicating effectively.

A favorite text I want to share...

A few years ago I experienced a love for *Born to Run* by Christopher McDougall, a book about running secrets with the Tarahumara Indians of northwestern Mexico. I usually don't enjoy non-fiction or geography/historical texts, so it surprised me when I couldn't put this book down. I learned a lot about culture and one of my favorite hobbies, and it led to me devouring many other books in this genre!



How I spend my time...



I have two children who are entertaining... and a lot of work! Most of the time they are playing Chess, building Legos, and drawing. We also enjoy family walks and biking.



